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THE DOLLAR WEEKLY BULLETIN

John H. Oberly has reduced the subscription price of the **WEEKLY CAIRO BULLETIN** to one dollar per annum, making it the cheapest paper published in Southern Illinois.

THE POSITION OF THE BULLETIN.

We publish in another column a few comments of the press upon the late speech of the editor of this paper, and the present position it occupies in reference to the political situation.

We shall not remark upon either the matter or the spirit of those comments. Let them go. They do not offend us, and they will gratify those who do not like us, and make smile even those—that small and gallant band—who do not believe us entirely given over to the bad. We are too close upon the Christmas time to be anything but the jolliest and most self-satisfied of mortals—a man who, with charity for all and malice towards none, chuckles and enjoys abuse. In the Eden of Mark Tapley we have risen to the dignity of Mark Tapley's philosophy and are jolly under the most adverse of circumstances, with the storm of the displeasure of our friends beating upon us and the other side offering us neither refuge nor protection.

But how is **THE BULLETIN**, and where does it stand? That's the question. Come up close to us, gentle Democrats, and let us clear up to your entire satisfaction, this great mystery.

In the first place, **THE BULLETIN** believes the days of the Democratic party are numbered; that the interests of the country demand the corpse shall be put under ground without delay; that any new party arising on the grave of the defunct Democracy, led by the old leaders, crying the old party shibboleths, will be considered by the people as the old Democratic party in a new dress and be incontinently shoved aside; that the times demand on the part of the opposition inaction. The electors who don't admire Radicalism must wait for the wagon of a good opportunity to come rattling along, and when it does come along they must get into it, and place the old party whip-handlers close to the tail board, so that they can be kicked out if they attempt to disturb the passengers by singing the old songs of human slavery—human inequality—the humiliation of the North—the domination of Southern pride.

In the second place, **THE BULLETIN** therefore now stands in the independent position of a paper which cannot be controlled by any caucus, clique or party, but which will not hesitate to commend or condemn any caucus, clique or party decision its understanding of the right may require it to do.

In the third place, **THE BULLETIN** will pertinaciously adhere to an advocacy of all the principles of the Liberal organization—all of them, including that principle which recognizes the binding force of the late amendments to the constitution of the United States and the political equality of all men.

In the fourth place, **THE BULLETIN** will support all the measures of the administration of Gen. Grant which do not run counter to the principles we have above referred to, and condemn all that do run counter to them.

In brief, this is "how" and "where" **THE BULLETIN** stands; in truth, this is precisely the position Mr. Oberly took in the speech he made to the Republican jubilation procession.

And where, now, is the Democrat in Cairo, who today takes issue with us? A few days ago most of the prominent Democrats denounced our position as improper, as highly disloyal to the doctrines we have heretofore advocated, but to-day their tone of condemnation is becoming very much modified. They already see the wisdom of our course, and are frankly acknowledging it. One of the Democrats who condemned us most bitterly, and in our opinion most unjustly, was Hon. H. Watson Webb, but since Gen. Grant snubbed Cameron he has concluded that even he may join us in our determination to approve all of President Grant's good acts and patriotic policies. Yesterday he said, referring to Gen. Grant's late course: "If Gen. Grant pursues a right and proper course I will not hesitate to give him credit, and his name will never be forgotten by the American people." This is precisely the same position Mr. Oberly took in his speech—it is almost the very language he used, and which called out Mr. Webb's condemnation. Mr. Oberly went farther though, and said he believed Mr. Grant, having been elected by so large a majority, would do right; and Gen. Grant has, justifying Mr. Oberly's belief, made a good start in the right direction. He has expressed his determination to abide by the rules regulating the civil-service of the govern-

ment; he has declared that he will make the old Democratic idea of territorial extension a feature of his administration, and he has stated to Gen. Sherman, and others, that the future policy of the administration in respect to the South will be neither hostile nor unfriendly—that he would endeavor to reunite the North and South in kindly relations.

Now, we applaud all this, and we wish to have the Democrat who don't step out of the ranks and declare himself! Who is that man?

WHAT THEY SAY.

A FEW OF THE COMMENTS OF THE PRESS ON THE BULLETIN.

AND A FEW REMARKS ABOUT THE MAN, OBERLY.

[From the *Pulsaski Patriot*.—Rad.] Hon. John Oberly has at last renounced the Greeley-Democratic faith and come out for the Republican party. Thus, one by one, they become reconciled. We extend the right hand of fellowship to all. Who will be the next?

[From the *Decatur Magnet*.—Lib.] FOR GRANT WITH AN IF.

The telegraph has reported that at a Grant jubilation meeting in Cairo, John H. Oberly, Esq., of the *Bulletin*, and Liberal Republican elect to the legislature, had joined the party of the administration, which the Radical papers, including our journal neighbor, are rolling under their tongues as a sweet morsel. What Mr. Oberly then said, and what he proposes, is thus stated in his own newspaper:

While the procession was passing the *Bulletin* office a number of the men in the line began to cry for a speech from Oberly. The procession stopped and the cry spread and became general. Finally Mr. Oberly responded and said that he recognized in the result of the late election the fact that the party with which he had acted had been crushed by defeat; that he was therefore untrammelled by party considerations, and was an independent man; that, if President Grant would reform the civil-service, drive out dishonest men, inaugurate the policy of purification, and be wise to the republic's good, the *Bulletin* would not refuse to him its support; but that, if reforms were not inaugurated, and the present abuses were continued, if the administration should fall short of its duty, the *Bulletin* would bitterly oppose the president and his party.

It will thus be seen that Mr. Oberly, unlike the late rebel Gen. Rodgers W. Hanson, of Ky., said at the breaking out of the rebellion, that he was for the union without an if, and or but, "is for the administration with an if," and will "bitterly oppose" it with a "but." If the hopes of the Radical journals aforesaid of Mr. Oberly's support hang upon the administration carrying out its ultimatum, then they hang upon a thread more slender and brittle than a rotten cobweb.

[From the *Du Quoin Tribune*.—Rad.] Friend Oberly of the *Cairo Bulletin*, in his paper of the 9th, speaking of the "Liberal rout," says:

"The defeat of the Liberals is complete. They have been routed in every part of the field. The whole army is now lying before the victorious legions of the Radicals, led by the victorious general of the late war, who seems to be in politics the same calm, self-possessed and lucky, if not skillful, man he was in the confusion and turmoil of the battles of the rebellion. It is a possibility that the disorganized forces of the opposition may again rally, but it is a probability that they will find the political Apomattox and surrender at discretion."

[From the *Mount City Journal*.—Dem.] THE INTERESTING QUESTION in this section now is, whether or not J. H. Oberly, Esq., editor of the *Cairo Bulletin*, and member of the legislature elected by virtue of a Liberal-Democratic nomination, has turned squarely into the Radical ranks. At the Republican jubilation meeting in Cairo a few nights since he was one of the speakers, and some who heard him say he delivered an eloquent Republican speech. In a lengthy and carefully prepared article, however, through his paper he defines his position. The following extract gives the substance of it:

"We must recognize the fact that the Democratic party and certain issues which its continued existence kept alive are no longer to be considered, and that it is our duty to judge President Grant in his second term from an unpartisan standpoint, giving him praise whenever he deserves it."

"The *Bulletin* assumes this position and is willing to abide the issue it thus makes with the Democratic leaders hereabouts, who have been, ever since we knew them, far behind the times."

Everybody can judge from the above, for themselves as to Mr. Oberly's present position. But this dash at the "Democratic leaders hereabouts" is in rather bad taste, considering his own antecedents. The time is not very far back when John was one of the most extreme hardshells. The "leaders" he refers to could not compare with him as "copperheads"; he was one of the most copperheads of them all. He could not endure the idea that any man who had ever smelled blue cloth could be entertained in convention for office; nothing but the grey for him. He would not drop a line or yield a hair's breadth to conciliate the Liberal or war Democracy. The most he would consent to was to take that element in as they do members into the Methodist church (a favorite illustration with him at that time) on probation, to occupy back seats a few years while the grey-coats should occupy the offices. His extreme ideas and language gained for him only notoriety, and as an editor of his stripe he was pronounced second only to Brick Pomeroy.

Yet now he reprimands "leaders" who then endeavored to hold him in check, and to liberalize his course. And for what reason? We can imagine none, unless it be that they will consent to follow him and drop over into the blue cloth being, certainly they have eaten the late great dish of "crows" placed before them with good grace.

It looks to a boy up an apple tree as though John had arrived at the conclusion that there is but one prophet, and that is Grant, and that all must fall down and worship him.

[From the *Williamson County Progress*.—Radical.]

ANDERSON CAN ALSO! John H. Oberly (Oberly is his name), he of the *Cairo Bulletin*, has, since the election, renounced Democracy and come out for Grant!—a la Greeley! He made a speech to the tanners in Cairo the other night, in which he made a clean breast of it—acknowledged the death of the Democracy, and the eminently live and kicking condition of the vigorous, young Republican party! Oberly never was a Democrat, but simply made his bed with them for policy's sake! If the Democracy had been successful, he would have stuck to them; as they are completely "dusted out," he bids them adieu! If he proposes to come into the Republican camp as a convert and a private in the rear-rank, we bloody clasp hands with him "across the river," but if he thinks to come against the doors of our church, being opened to him, because he's been training with Trumbull, Palmer and company until he has become somewhat tricky. Anyhow, he'll bear watching!

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